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DAVID HATCHER CHILDRESS TO SPEAK AT NEXT STUDY GROUP MEETING

David Hatcher Childress will lecture at the March meeting of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis on Sunday, March 13, at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Farm and Home Savings & Loan building at Lockwood and Gore in Webster Grove.

Childress was born in France and grew up in the mountains of Colorado and Montana. He did undergraduate work in archaeology at the University of Montana, with particular emphasis on the world's truly ancient cultures.

Childress performed his archaeological research into the ancient ruins at Zimbabwe in Southern Africa. While there, he took a break and pushed north into Uganda, where he had some rather exciting adventures as the first civilian allowed access to the headquarters or recently departed dictator, Idi Amin.

David Childress has authored four books, focusing on the six years he has spent searching for the last remaining traces of ancient civilizations of Africa, the Middle East and China. During the late seventies, he concentrated on Asia, Africa and the Middle East, while the early eighties found him exploring the megalithic ruins on remote Pacific islands. Most recently, he mounted two separate expeditions to South America, both of which yielded surprising results.

While there, his attention was turned to one of the most enduring of the mysteries on that continent: the disappearance of the Incas in the face of the invading Spanish Conquistadores in the late 1500's.

Mr. Childress currently lives in north central Illinois as a member of a spiritual community named "The Ultimate Frontier".

An extensive traveler, Mr. Childress has visited 85 countries pursuing his interest in ancient civilizations and has authored three books: Lost Cities of Africa and Arabia, Lost Cities of China, Central Asia and India and Lost Cities and Ancient Mysteries of South America. He has also edited and contributed to two other books: The Anti-Gravity Handbook and Anti-Gravity and the World Grid.

In his talk, Childress discuss the many links between lost, ancient civilizations and the UFO phenomena as we understand it today. We will also get a preview of his latest book, Lost Cities Of Ancient Lemuria And The Pacific.



REGIONAL MUFON UFO CONFERENCE

The Bill Pitts and the Arkansas Mutual UFO Network organization are hosting a very special UFO conference entitled Flying Saucers - The Beginning on the weekend of March 25 - 26 (Friday and Saturday) at Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

The program promises to be a fascinating history of the early days of the UFO phenomenon by some of the people who were right in the middle of it! Major Edward J. Ruppelt, former head of the U.S. Air Force's PROJECT BLUE BOOK was one of the closest persons looking into reported flying saucer sightings as a representative of the U.S. Air Force. Ruppelt surrounded himself with top-notch persons from the Pentagon and the scientific community. It was probably these other persons, rather than Ruppelt and / or in cooperation with him, who investigated all of the so-called "classic" sightings of the late 1940's and 1950's.

The Eureka Springs conference is going to feature these people who will tell us everything they can recall about PROJECT BLUE BOOK, Ruppelt, the Air Force evaluations, the Pentagon's participation and involvement, the association of Dr. J. Allen Hynek with Project Blue Book, the Robertson Panel, the "Estimate of the Situation", and the alleged "crashed craft".

Some of the speakers currently lined up are: Major Dewey Fournet - Head of the Pentagon UFO investigation during the 1952 Washington D.C. flap who actually wrote "Estimate of the Situation". Al Chop was a Pentagon spokesman on UFOs about whom Ruppelt wrote "... The plan was that Al would get his answers from Major Dewey Fournet, Blue Book's liaison officer in the Pentagon, and if Dewey did not have the answer, Al had permission to call me (Ruppelt)". Airman First Class Max Futch, who took over Project Blue Book after Ruppelt left the service and who helped furnish much of the material in Ruppelt's book, was associated with Project Blue Book for approximately two years.

Jennie Zeidman is most knowledgeable about Hynek's associations with Projects Grudge and Blue Book, as well as assisting

him with the formation of the Center for UFO Studies. Jennie will recall her experiences of those exciting days in the beginning of "ufology". She will also tell us how and why Dr Hynek started changing his mind about the sighting reports.

These and several others are coming to help us revisit, and perhaps understand the history of this phenomena as it relates to our government.

Please make room reservations directly with the Inn Of The Ozarks. Be sure to mention the UFO Conference in order to receive very special rates of \$32.00 single and \$36.00 double. To contact the Inn Of The Ozarks, phone (501) 253-9768 or write to:

In Of The Ozarks
P.O. Box 431
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Registration for the conference itself is \$30.00 per person or \$45.00 for immediate family members only. Advance registration may be sent to:

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HAVE YOU READ THESE YET?

By Peggy Roppolo

A great deal of material has been published in the past year. This is a partial list of UFO related articles. Two of the articles are from late 1986, but they should still be interesting. I will hopefully have another list of reading material ready before the last issue of this membership year to give everyone plenty of interesting summer reading.

- 1 UFO Update - Film of Supposed UFO in Flight taken by Peter Day J Randles. OMNI Oct '86.
- 2 UFO Update - Work of G Eberhart J Clark. OMNI Nov '86
- 3 Strange Encounter Over Alaska (Sighting aboard Japan Air Lines flight 1628) map Newsweek 109:26 Ja 12 '87.

- 4 Through the Alaskan Darkness Kenju Terauchi, a 747 pilot is pursued by a UFO - or so he claims D Chu. il por People wkly 27:74+ Ja 26 '87.
- 5 The Village Alien (W. Streiber) T M Disch. il Nation 244:328-34+ Mr 14 '87.
- 6 Invasion of the Streiber Snatchers (W. Streiber's encounters with extraterrestrial aliens) T Cochran. il por NY 20:26 Mr 30 '87.
- 7 UFO Update - Whitley Streiber J Clay. OMNI Ap '87.
- 8 Whitley Streiber - Making Communion With Another World People wkly May 11 '87.
- 9 Sightings (UFO Convention in New York City) New Yorker 63:25 J1 6 '87.
- 10 What's Behind Our UFO Mania? E Ziegler. Read Dig. 131:113-17 Ag '87.
- 11 Closer Encounters E Dolinick. New Repub 197:15-16 Ag 10-17 '87.
- 12 When is a true story true? E B Claflin. il por Publ Wkly 232:23-6 Ag 14 '87. (abt W Streiber).
- 13 What 'Communion' Really Said W Streiber. por Publ Wkly 232:72 Oct 2 '87.

different states.

Some of the items listed include old and current books, UFO membership organizations, Freedom of Information Act documents, symposium proceedings, cookbooks, sighting forms, T-shirts, bumper stickers, trivia booklets, phone hotline numbers, video film tapes, FAA kits, clipping services, UFO museum prospectus, lecture flyers, book catalogs, UFO journals, magazines and other publications.

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Next month we will have some interesting plans for a UFO museum which George Fawcett has developed.

GEORGE FAWCETT RECOMMENDS

By Ken Hanke

George Fawcett has been involved in UFO investigation and research for 42 years. Possessing one of the most extensive UFO libraries anywhere, George has become a respected authority and historian of the Unidentified Flying Object phenomenon. Among his many credits, George addressed the 1985 MUFON Symposium held here in St. Louis and hosted by the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis.

For the past 17 years, George has issued his list of recommended UFO publications and organizations as a service to worldwide correspondents and as handouts for his occasional illustrated lectures and college courses. The listings include 58 sources for UFO information from the USA, Canada, England and Australia with 53 items coming from 19

EDITORS NOTE:

In the December, 1987 issue of The Enigma, we published a fascinating article about an encounter of an extremely close kind by Joan Laurino. The following article is another in a series about this investigation. Again, our many thanks to Joan for her article. And yes Martha, we do care - very much so!

February 17, 1988

Dear Editor:

I am pleased to include for your readers the complete Question and Answer session following the interview with Martha Throne with regard to her 1986 Unidentified Friendly People incident.

We covered the most pertinent details of encountering these strangers. As weeks passed, we discussed this episode often, thus enabling me to obtain further details. I hope that your readers will

find this of interest.

Joan H. Laurino
MUFON/UFO Newsclipping Service

* * THE STRANGERS * *

Questions and Answers

By Joan H. Laurino

It seemed imperative to zero in on further descriptions of the "strangers" and began by seeking additional details of the trio. The "pixy-faced" lady came first.

J: Joan Laurino
M: Martha Throne

M: Well, the lady was extremely eye catching. Not beautiful by our usual standards, but you'd pick her out of a crowd. Her face was fascinating, sandy colored and slightly rugged looking. Her eyes were almost round, pupils were brown. Her medium-brown hair was combed back with a brown and white striped knitted cap and a brown and white tassel which was cocked off to one side, making her quite cute. Her eyes got me; very round with large pupils.

J: Her approximate age, height and body frame?

M: Well, for one thing, she was unusually skinny as I detected while we had our arms around each other for the photo sessions. Her heavy garments concealed her figure. This was a hot day. People were taking off their jackets including the gentleman she was with. Yet, she kept her heavy coat on over the heavy material of her blouse and skirt. (Martha again described her garments. See the original story.) She was undoubtedly dressed for Winter. She seemed to be about 25ish and stood about 4'7", I'd imagine.

J: Did you notice any makeup on the lady?

M: No, just her natural skin tone . . ah, sandy colored.

J: The gentleman seemed like the opposite of her. Nothing unusual?

M: No. Everything about him was ordinary. He was good looking, conservative hair style, dark brown, blue eyes that matched the blue shirt

that he was wearing, darker blue slacks and black shoes. Nothing about him signified that he's an oddity. Boy, he sure took a lot of photos (she laughs).

(MY NEXT CONCERN CENTERED ON THE TALL LADY DRESSED IN WHITE)

M: When the couple was leaving, this tall one zipped from behind and made that statement to me about 'three aliens being among us today.' I immediately recognized her as the one standing by the exhibits and examining them. She paid no attention to anyone. She was also very skinny . . . ah, she gave me a very mysterious impression and felt I should go outside . . . and now there she was later speaking to me and then said that she had to go now! I didn't like her at all for some reason. She kept her head down and turned it sideways when she spoke.

J: Okay, when she made this statement, she apparently left to join the couple?

M: Yes. She followed right behind them and repeated exactly what they said, "I got to go now," then she used the word, "we've" meaning all of us . . . "we've got to go now." She turned her head again and fell in behind the couple. No one spoke to each other.

J: During this entire episode, do you remember seeing anyone you knew milling around or standing nearby as a possible witness to this conversation?

M: Not that I remember, ah . . the people were merely straggling in and out of the auditorium, but many gave us curious glances! I didn't speak to anyone else or see any person that I knew. There could have been people at a distance watching us, since the lady's language may have attracted attention. If so, I personally didn't see them.

J: So, you judge the time duration of this meeting to be about 25 minutes as you said? (I was inside, listening to a speaker)

M: Yes, approximately.

J: Now about the lady's language. Can you compare her tongue as a resemblance to any known language such as the Asian, Slavic or Spanish languages?

M: Well this was odd in a way that her language was unique. She spoke in

- short clipped words. You could not recognize any of it. It wasn't similar to Chinese, Japanese or any language you'd know. It was just odd. The words were spoken very fast and clipped and she demonstrated all the time with her arms and hands (she laughs); at times she would throw her arms way above her head and demonstrate. Her husband did all the translating.
- J: To clarify a point here. Although this lady couldn't speak our language, she knew very well what YOU were saying?
- M: Oh, yes. She understood perfectly all of my questions, but he had to translate to me her remarks. He had no trouble understanding her in any way.
- J: What is your opinion of the couple's true marital status. Could they be just friends?
- M: Well, he introduced her as his wife. They looked at one another with loving expressions and yes, it's strange because he appeared like an ordinary American Joe, totally opposite from her. They seemed to love each other. Yes, I do believe they were married . . . somehow I do.
- J: Their uncanny knowledge about everything amazes me. Do you have any idea how they knew that you were scheduled to speak on the Panel the next day?
- M: Not in the least. They claimed to just arrive from Australia. I met these people before it was OFFICIALLY announced that I would be speaking on the panel discussion. Yet they knew of this beforehand! I was even scolded for complying with the rules of MUFON to just tell half of my abduction story. This couple also picked me right out of three ladies that I was talking with and came directly towards me; paying no attention to the other people. I was amazed at this. They knew a lot about me, the symposium and other events.
- J: Was there anything they said to you that cannot be revealed at present?
- M: No, Joan, for what they said to me or asked, was nice. No bad comments or anything dirty. They did stress something to the effect that I could be a great help to the investigators in some way. They seemed completely honest and sincere.
- J: When the trio departed, did you notice them joining anybody else and getting into a car?
- M: No, I did not. They walked away and were out of sight in no time at all behind the auditorium wall. If other friends of theirs were around, I didn't see them. (Martha's knee was bothering her and she didn't want to chase them.)
- J: Martha, did you have any strange feelings afterward as you reentered the auditorium?
- M: You bet I did! I was . . . my mind was seething, since I experienced a dangerous encounter before, but this was a mild one and a very interesting one. Once inside, the newspaper people pounced on me and I was so dazed that I couldn't concentrate on their questions about my 1977 UFO abduction and they were taking pictures too! My mind was whirling and I wanted to concentrate on what just happened and wished that they would go away. All this still gets to me and it's really hard for me to believe these things, but it's true. Other alien related experiences have entered my life and I would like to tell that on a separate tape!
- (THAT EVENING AFTER I LEFT, MARTHA DID JUST THAT, UNTIL SOMETHING OUT OF THE UNKNOWN INTERCEPTED HER ABILITY TO MAKE THIS TAPE AND LEFT HER SCARED AND SHAKEN, THIS WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF MY NEXT REPORT)
- J: What are your personal feelings about the pixy faced lady and the other two?
- M: Well, Joan, with her I had a mysterious feeling I couldn't describe. There was a strange ONENESS with her . . . someone that I'd known all along and knew more about me than I know about myself. When she hugged me, there was a weird feeling of peace and goodwill; a similar feeling that overshadowed my fear when I was aboard that ship and lying on the gurney with those odd beings (1977). The same impression was with me in regard to this lady, a very loving person and extremely polite. I'll be darned if I can figure out his role in all this, but she was definitely an alien in my estimation. The tall lady was

different and I didn't like her at all. Yes, the little woman was overwhelmingly magnetic and I felt an odd kinship with her. I can just see her throwing her hands up in the air and saying, "Oooooooh, yes" or "Oooooooh, no!"

J: Do you remember her name, if any?

M: No. When she was introduced to me, her name was just as weird as her language.

J: Now for the last question. After this happened, what were your reasons for keeping this meeting with the strangers to yourself for several weeks?

M: I refused to inform anyone about this hair raising encounter until I reviewed this carefully in my mind. I wanted to be sure that everything was up and above board while I kept searching for answers, but only came up with questions. When I eventually mentioned this to my daughter, I sort of went around the subject and now I'm just getting settled down to tell this story. I don't lie nor do I have time for nonsense! The meeting of these people should be known and taken for what it's worth.

J: Of course. Anything special that you'd like to say in general?

M: Well, I expect people to scoff at this. I know I would at one time; however, researchers would be foolish to claim that these things or any other odd happenings don't occur, because they DO! The well known attitude is that if something strange doesn't happen to you or anyone you know, then it has to be baloney -- and not the kind you eat. Well, that's their problem. I just think that my experience is worth mentioning for those who care.

COMMENTS: Martha and I had doggedly undertaken the task of presenting this most compelling story to your UFO research organization which we believed would appreciate its value.

It looks obvious that some of the UFO occupants are orchestrating our awareness of them in such a fashion as to abduct innocent people out of their cars or homes, fly low enough to chase vehicles up our roads, soar high enough to play tag with our aircraft, or just exhibitionism as in the Hudson Valley UFO spectacular!

Whatever motives lurk behind their activities, we can't perceive thus far. Personally, I see the writing on the wall.

In the case of Martha Throne, these entities boldly approached her before God and everybody and left her convinced of their alien origin. They knew too well that Martha would eventually grasp the opportune moment to inform those in the UFO community through this article; reaching into many homes! They've showcased their presence as being able to "walk among us" undetected or detected if they desire and to traverse anywhere for any purpose unmolested.

Oooooooh, yes!

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

By Charles E. Roberts

The Bible says, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." This is more than we can imagine. We are all governed by a set of beliefs formed by education, training and mental attitudes. We think and act according to these beliefs. When the beliefs are true, fine. But often they are false and lead us to disaster.

The trouble is, the human can believe the silliest things. No matter that they are silly, he clings to his beliefs doggedly and cannot be changed. "Don't bother me with facts. I've already made up my mind."

Most people do not think. They only think they think. Try this on yourself. Notice the thoughts, ideas, words, running through your mind all the time. You will find that it is a mishmash of this, that and the other, going here, going there, and back in circles, like a kitten chasing its tail and getting nowhere. (This is what most people think is thinking.) Most people pay no attention - and this is good. It is the conscious mind running uncontrolled. When attention is paid to it and it is taken seriously, it can lead to wild imaginings that further confuse, and can lead to mental and physical illness.

The conscious mind needs to be controlled. Back when I went to elementary school, we had to do a lot of

memorization: The multiplication tables, poems, literary bits. The practical value of knowing the multiplication tables is obvious. Less obvious is the value of the poems, etc., though I still remember "Horatius at the Bridge" with pleasure. The real value was that it was valuable mental training. Holding the attention of the numbers of the multiplication table or the words of a poem served to put a rein on the wild ramblings of the conscious mind.

Below, or behind, the conscious mind is the subconscious, which controls the functioning of our bodies without our having to pay any attention. It also seems to have other abilities. It can store information and present it to us as needed. We all have had the experience of seeing someone, recognizing the person without being able to think of the name. Later, when you are doing something else, the name pops into the mind. But the subconscious can only do this when it can break through the noise of the conscious mind.

One of the local TV stations recently had a series on "channeling", which is becoming popular. I don't know much about it, but it seems to be a matter of quieting the conscious mind so that messages from the subconscious can get through.

We cannot completely still the conscious mind, nor should we try. We need to learn to pay no attention, to guide our mind where we want it to go. We need to sort out our beliefs, to look on all sides of every question, and refuse to accept something just because somebody says so.

Strangely, every great idea (or almost every) in science, literature and the arts resulted not from long laborious thought but from a flash of intuition, a message coming through from the subconscious. Perhaps the earliest recorded was that of Archimedes running naked through the streets of Syracuse yelling, "Eureka!"

UFOs provide a fertile field for beliefs since there is no hard evidence. You can believe anything you want to and it is hard to prove you wrong. Many nonbelievers adopt this attitude because they cannot bear to have their precious belief system upset. Believers let their minds run loose and conjure up all kinds of fantasies, which are also hard to

disprove. There may not be aliens in space ships out there, but also there may. We don't know.

Since a belief, deeply held, becomes the holders reality, it is wise to examine our beliefs. As the old saying goes, "Be careful what you wish for. You just might get it."

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Recently, the first issue of STRANGE MAGAZINE was published. Within it, there appeared an interesting add from one of our own UFO Study Group members - Ray Nelke. Ray has been one of the faithful who can always be counted on for fresh, interesting viewpoints. We found this add so interesting, that we are reprinting it here. (We also wanted to give Ray a plug.)

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COMING NEXT MONTH!

There are several very interesting articles coming in the next issue of The Enigma. We had planned to include an article by Marjorie Sherrill in this issue, but because of space limitations, we are forced to postpone it until next month. Marjorie's article is titled SHIPBOARD! and is about Taval, a being from a distant planet who communicates to us through a human intermediary.

Also coming up is an article by Joe Palermo titled YELLOW ALERT. Joe is the Missouri Public Information Officer for MUFON as well as our Study Group Librarian and Historian. This is one article I promise that you will not want to miss!

We will have a report on the Regional MUFON UFO Conference to be held in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Finally, George Fawcett has developed some interesting plans for a UFO Museum.

Calender

March 1988

Wed. Mar. 2 - Parapsychology Committee Meeting at the Schroeder home, 4991 Miami St., St. Louis, MO (7:30 p.m.)

Sun. Mar. 13 - UFO Study Group Meeting at the Farm and Home Savings and Loan at Lockwood and Gore, Webster Grove, MO. (2:00 p.m.)

Tues. Mar. 15 - St. Charles UFO Committee at the Bonanza Sirloin Pit, 1215 South Duchesne St. Charles, MO (7:30 p.m.)

FRANK & ERNIE



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